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d. Two or three of these boats put to sea at regular intervals in line-shaped formation. Each boat took its regular turn every week. They remained at sea during the night and returned the following morning.

3. Two large submarines were observed.

a. Description:

Length: About 60 meters

A 75 to 85-mm gun forward of conning tower

An AA gun of about 20-mm caliber aft of conning tower

Another weapon on a platform at the rear edge of the conning tower; probably a very heavy machine gun.

b. The submarines had the designations "C 33" and "C 35".

c. The only difference between the two submarines is a net-cutter fitted to the bow of one.

4. Two medium-sized submarines lay along side the large submarines.

a. Description:

Length: About 50 meters

A gun of about 50-mm caliber forward of the conning tower

A weapon on the platform near the conning tower, as on the large submarines.

b. One submarine had a "5" and the other an unidentified single-digit number, painted on both sides of the conning tower.

5. Four to six small submarines, about 30 meters long, were observed. (3) They had one gun about 50-mm caliber, mounted forward of the conning tower, and two bow torpedo tubes.

6. A submarine tender was also seen.

a. The vessel had one funnel and one mast. There was a gun of about 70 to 80-mm caliber on the forecastle.

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b. There was a crane on one side of the ship for lowering torpedoes to the submarines. The submarines went individually alongside the submarine tender for this purpose. The stern of the submarine was trimmed down, while the bow stuck out of the water, so that the torpedo tubes could be seen. The torpedoes were lowered by the crane and inserted into the torpedo tubes. All submarines received torpedoes in this manner. Not more than two torpedo tubes could be observed in any type of these submarines. It could not be stated whether or not more than two torpedoes could be inserted through the two visible tubes.

c. About three submarines left the harbor two or three times a week after receiving torpedoes. They put to sea individually at intervals of an hour and always returned the next morning.

d. The submarine tender left the harbor only on rare occasions and always returned the following day.

7. The PW could see a sailship with three masts, the main mast about 38 meters high, which left the harbor only two or three times during the period of observation. It was stated that the sailship could move in the harbor in a dead calm, from which the PWs inferred that she was equipped with an auxiliary engine.

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Comment:

- (1) It is not possible to identify the destroyers. They might be torpedo boats of the Albatross class. No detailed information is available on this new Soviet type.
- (2) Considering the usual Soviet terminology, the designation "torpedoboats" seems improbable. It is understood that this is a type of mine sweeper, belonging to a new series.
- (3) Probably M 89 type.
- (4) Probably the former Italian training ship Cristoforo Colombo.

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